



March 21, 2019

House's Committee on Judiciary  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**LATE**

Hearing: Friday, March 22, 2019 – 2:10 p.m.

RE: **OPPOSITION to HCR 69/HR 69** – URGING THE HOLY SEE, THE SUPREME PONTIFF, AND THE BISHOPS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO EXPLORE THE WIDESPREAD ADOPTION OF VIRI PROBATI, OR THE ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF CERTAIN QUALIFIED MARRIED MEN

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and fellow committee members,

I am writing in OPPOSITION of HCR 69/HR 69 on behalf of the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

The LGBT Caucus opposes this resolution for the following three reason:

First is that as Democrats we believe in the constitutional mandate of separation of State and church. The government should not be suggesting to any religious institution how they practice their beliefs except in the case if they are endangering others and/or violating the law.

Second is that is simplistic at best to believe that by allowing priests to marry will stem the tide of the rampant systematic raping of keiki by priests. This epidemic was exposed by Spotlight of the Boston Globe, the investigation of Pennsylvania's Attorney General's Office and other such investigations. In it should be noted that West Virginia filed a lawsuit this week against the Roman Catholic Church alleging that they knowingly employed pedophiles. If this body wants to address this devastating epidemic then we respectfully request your committee support Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 when it hopefully crosses over from the Senate.

Third reason is the undercurrent of homophobia in this resolution. Given the language that appears in the proposed resolution specifically we are referring to the phrase 'certain qualified married men'. As we all know that the Roman Catholic Church is extremely opposed to allowing gay men to marry or to even have equal rights. This resolution appears to be buying into the Vatican's completely false deflection that homosexuality is the source of this epidemic and not child sexual assault by their priests and covered up by the Roman Catholic Church.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in opposition and the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i humbly asks that you to defer HCR 69/HR 69.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.  
Chair

**HR-69**

Submitted on: 3/21/2019 12:15:11 AM

Testimony for JUD on 3/22/2019 2:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The Government has no athourity over any Church. What you are trying to do is illegal.

Only the church can make this decsion!!

**HR-69**

Submitted on: 3/21/2019 3:24:16 PM

Testimony for JUD on 3/22/2019 2:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This resolution is government over reach and definitely not in the legislature's area of expertise. Church policy does not infringe on the constitutional rights of others. There is no right to be a priest. Do not pass HR69. This proposal is in direct opposition to constitutional our rights regarding religious liberty.

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**HR-69**

Submitted on: 3/21/2019 9:31:13 PM

Testimony for JUD on 3/22/2019 2:10:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rainbow	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Hawai`i is NOT A CHURCH STATE. HCR 69 is a violation of the 1st Amendment and our Separation of State and Church. This should have never been brought up to the legislature in the first place because of these two serious violations.

Testimony in Support of  
HR69 and HCR69  
Judiciary Committee Hearing on  
March 22, 2019 2:10 PM  
in CR 325

To JUD Chair Chris Lee and members of the JUD committee.

Good Afternoon, Chair Chris Lee and members of the JUD committee.

Hello, I am Miguel Rivera and I am a devout Catholic in strong support of HR 69 and HCR 69 Urging the Holy see, the Supreme pontiff, and the Bishops of the catholic church to explore the widespread adoption of viri probati, or the ordination to the priesthood of certain qualified married men.

The right to marry and the right to have children and a family is a basic human right in today's society. Gone are the dark ages and medieval days where the imperial (Emperors) and celestial (Church) power is absolute and the rights of the common man and servants or workers are abused and denied basics human rights to marry and have a family.

The servants of the Imperial Court in China were required to be castrated and became Eunuchs in order to serve in the imperial household. The clergy of the Holy Roman Empire (back in the dark ages) were required to vow to be Celibate and NOT marry or have children but instead devote all the time, energy and efforts to the boss, the church and the Pope, who was considered infallible.

This kind of denial of basics human rights from the dark ages in no longer appropriate and can not be accepted in our democratic society where the individual rights every citizen must be recognized and protected as all men are created equal under our constitution.

This resolution will make our community safer for our residents and church goers and their children who are raised in the church. Often, celibate and oppressed and sexual suppressed clergy will target children in the Church like altar boys and pages.

Catholic priests will communicate and relate much better with the Catholic parishioners if they also are married and have families and are replenishing the earth just like their church goers.

## LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony in **Support** for HR69 and HCR69  
Judiciary Hearing in room 325, on March 22, 2019 2:10PM

To the Judiciary committee chair Chris Lee and committee members. Hello, my name is Darla Camacho, I am wiring the testimony in SUPPORT for HR69, HCR69. I think this resolution is a great idea and will make our community safer for our children. I believe children are targeted because they are easy vulnerable and easily silenced by intimidation. Priest that molest children don't start as a pedophile but slowly become that way due to years of sexual suppression. Priest are humans with emotions and urges, just like us, but are forced to suppress them due to their belief. People who don't sexually suppress their urges cannot understand the mental torment these priests are subjected to over many years and inevitably they turn to child molestation since, in many cases, that is their only real option due to the children's inability and immaturity to protect themselves and realize what is happening to them. I'm sure this resolution won't fix all the problems with pedophilic priest, but it will lower the number of incidents that occur in the future. Please pass this resolution because it is a step in the right direction to solving this issue, so we can make the world a safer place.

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